<u>REMARKS</u>

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 2-3, 5, 8-11, and 13-19. Claim 19 is currently amended. Claims 1, 4, 6-7, and 12 are cancelled.

The amendment to claim 19 is editorial and self-explanatory.

No new matter is added.

Claim Objections

Claim 19 is objected to over an informality. Claim 19 is currently amended to address this objection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C § 112

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 12 is cancelled by this amendment thus rendering this rejection moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C § 102

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(b) as being anticipated by Iwasaki (U.S. 2003/0087179).

Claim 12 is cancelled by this amendment thus rendering this rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicates that claims 2-3, 5, 8-11, and 13-19 are allowed.

Rejected claim 12 is cancelled and the typographical error in claim 19 has been corrected. Accordingly, this application is in condition for allowance.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

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